

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5

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**SUBJECT:** Reports of Significant Developments and Activities  
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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

**SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Removal Start, DuraCoat Site, Peru, Indiana**

On August 21, 2006, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) Ken Theisen and Theresa Holz initiated a time critical removal action at the Dura Coat site. The site is located within a residential/commercial area in Peru, Indiana. Duracoat paint operated at the site from 2001 until 2006 and manufactured galvanized and plated wires and nails. In 2006, the City of Peru with the City of Peru Fire Department and the County of Miami Health Department closed the site due to unsafe conditions. The removal action will include the clean up of 300 drums, a dozen or so plating vats, and numerous small containers containing acids and caustics.

Contact: Ken Theisen (312-886-1959)

**Site Inspection and Public Meeting, Clare Water Supply Superfund Site, Clare, Michigan**

On August 29, 2006, Jon Peterson and Robert Paulson traveled to Clare, Michigan, to conduct the site inspection required to complete the Five Year Review for this Superfund site.

Interviews were conducted with citizens who live near the remediation areas and also City of Clare officials. That evening at the Clare City Hall, an availability session was held and the public was invited to hear the progress on the remediation at the site, as well as to voice their own concerns. The possibilities for redevelopment and reuse of certain parcels on the Clare site were also explored by the meeting participants and Jon Peterson presented the results of a redevelopment analysis that had been conducted for the site.

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**Risk Management Program Inspection, East Moline Water Filtration, East Moline, Illinois**

On July 17, 2006, Bob Mayhugh of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) conducted a Risk Management Program (RMP) inspection at the East Moline Water Filtration Plant in East Moline, Illinois. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facilities compliance with the RMP regulations. Materials gathered during the inspection are currently being examined.

Contact: Bob Mayhugh (312-886-5929)

**Risk Management Program Inspection, Hydrite Chemical, Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

On July 18, 2006, Bob Mayhugh of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) conducted a Risk Management Program inspection at Hydrite Chemical Company in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Hydrite is a chemical repackaging facility that deals with chlorine among other chemicals. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facilities compliance with the Risk Management Program (RMP) regulations regarding their chlorine process. Materials gathered during the inspection are currently being examined.

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**Inspection Conducted, JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Riverview, Michigan**

On August 23, 2006, Monika Chrzaszcz, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS), conducted a Risk Management Program (RMP) inspection at the JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., facility in Riverview, Michigan. The purpose of the

inspection was to review the Risk Management Program that the facility has in place, for the storage and use of chlorine and sulfur dioxide, as required under the Clean Air Act. The facility repackages bulk chemicals into smaller containers and then transports them to customers on an as needed basis.

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**Inspection Conducted, PVS Technologies, Inc., Detroit, Michigan**

On August 24, 2006, Monika Chrzaszcz, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS), conducted a Risk Management Program inspection at the PVS Technologies, Inc., facility in Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review the Risk Management Program the facility has in place, for the storage and use of chlorine, as required under the Clean Air Act. The facility manufactures and markets chemicals used in the treatment of industrial and municipal water.

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**TRAINING/CONFERENCES**

**Oil Pollution Act Government Initiated Unannounced Exercises, Cook County, Illinois**

Sheila Calovich and Alex Tzallas (Oil Planning and Response Section) conducted Oil Pollution Act (OPA) unannounced exercises and inspections in Cook County, Illinois, from August 29-31, 2006. The facilities that were visited were Sem Materials in Chicago, the Westway Riverdale terminal, Premcor/Valero terminal in Alsip, Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal in Alsip, Owens Corning Trumbull Asphalt in Summit, and the Buckeye Pipeline Argo terminal. The exercise consists of emergency response equipment deployment and the notification of regulatory agencies. Sem Materials failed the drill because their Oil Spill Response Organization (OSRO) failed to show up at the facility. Westway failed the exercise because their OSRO failed to show up at the facility. Premcor/Valero failed the exercise because they failed to notify the National Response Center. Kinder Morgan and Buckeye both passed the exercise. An inspection was conducted at Owens Corning which revealed deficiencies in their Facility Response Plan. The final round of exercises for Fiscal Year 2006 will take place during the week of September 11, 2006, in Lake County, Indiana.

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**Meeting, Spill of National Significance, Metropolis, Illinois**

On August 17-18, 2006, Sheila Calovich attended a Spill of National Significance (SONS) regional meeting in Metropolis, Illinois. The meeting was for the benefit of the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky to network and work through interstate issues in connection with SONS exercise play. Speakers from each State presented an overview of their emergency response organizations. There were also presentations regarding earthquake risk on the New Madrid fault line.

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